

# Ozark Fly Fishers

## Member Newsletter

September 2019

### President's Message

Our rivers are finally back to normal! I saw enough brown water. Really looking forward to our White River outing, with room for two more according to Ed. Let's make this a sell-out, like the Eleven Point outing in October.

I think Ed Heist gave an excellent talk on how wild and hatchery trout interact. Reconciling the put and take desires of fishermen and its associated economic benefits with keeping wild trout strains is a challenge I guess I never realized. Another topic I liked was how different strains evolve at certain water depths in lakes. Thank you, Ed



The Passport for Clean Water at Greentree Park was a good opportunity to meet kids and tie safety pin flies. Several parents showed interest in the club, too. I did a quick casting demo and tied a fly for Cub Scouts in West County. Never sure how much interest this will bring, but I always look forward to engaging a young audience. Another request for a presentation came from Oakville High School, where there is also an associated fishing club. Dates to be determined.

**Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers**

Email: [drasch27@hotmail.com](mailto:drasch27@hotmail.com)

### September Meeting Speaker:

#### Dr. George Bohigian

#### "First Aid and Survival Emergency Medicine for the Fly Fisherman"

George Bohigian M.D. will present "First Aid and Survival Emergency Medicine for the Fly Fisherman" on September 26. Some of the topics to be covered are CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation), lacerations, snakebite, signs of a stroke, removal of a fish hook embedded in the skin, tick removal, what to carry in your vest. Also communications, safety in deep fast water, broken bones, how not to get lost and much more.

#### Questions or Submissions for the Newsletter?

Email the Editor at [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com)



### Upcoming Events

#### September

General Monthly Meeting  
Greensfelder Rec Complex  
Sept. 26, 2019, 7:00 PM

#### October

FFI Southern Council First Annual Fly Fishing Tournament  
October 4-5, 2019

Feather-Craft Fall Fly Fishing Fest  
October 19, 2019

General Monthly Meeting  
Greensfelder Rec Complex  
Oct. 24, 2019, 7:00 PM

#### December

Holiday Party & Fly Swap  
December 5, 2019  
More details to come.

#### January 2020

OFF Annual Banquet  
January 18, 2020  
More details to come.

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# Outings Report – Sept. 2019

## Eleven Point River Outing – **SOLD OUT**

October 11-13, 2019, Alton, MO

Our host is Brian Sloss of *Eleven Point Cottages & Guide Service* in Alton, MO who will provide our housing in town in his renovated houses. I have reserved two cottages for eight singles. Cottages are renovated houses with bed rooms and other sleep areas. Housing is very limited around Alton. We will have full working kitchens for evening cookouts Friday and Saturday. Friday night BBQ will be brats, hamburgers, potato salad, slaw, soda, water and dessert. Saturday night will be BBQ ribs, baked potato, salad, rolls and dessert. We will be eating breakfast at Grandma's on Saturday morning, but that cost is not included.

Wade Fishing is available above and at the Hwy 19 bridge, but to fish the 5-mile Blue Ribbon section, you'll need a canoe, kayak, belly boat or guide service. I have Brian ready to provide guides for hire for an all-day float on the Blue Ribbon section for \$350 plus tip for two, which includes rods, flies, lunch and drinks on Saturday. Let me know if you want to fish with a guide Friday or Sunday. A half-day is \$250 plus tip.

**Website:** <https://www.elevenpointflyfishing.com/>

**Contact** Ed Olander at 314-487-1663 or 314-566-1442

Email: [olanderedward@att.net](mailto:olanderedward@att.net) with your reservation.

Address: 5886 Chrisbrook Drive, St. Louis, MO 63128

# Casting Tip – September 2019

## Fly-Casting Videos – Which ones are best?

Three of the best fly-casting videos, 5-star rated on Amazon are:

- 1) Joan Wulff's – *"Dynamics of Fly Casting: From Solid Basics to Advanced Techniques"*
- 2) Lefty Kreh and Ed Jaworowski – *"The Complete Cast - Applying Principles to Fresh & Saltwater Fly Casting"*
- 3) Mel Krieger's – *"The Essence of Flycasting I"*, and *"The Essence of Flycasting II and The Essence of Spey Casting"*

All instructors teach the same principles but to listen to them one could believe they were teaching very different disciplines. Therefore, it is important to find an instructor you like and understand. This is the best video for you. My personal favorite instructor is Lefty Kreh. He has many videos available.

Our club library owns a number of instructional videos. As a club member they are free to check out and view. I highly recommend this; and keep looking for an instructor until you find one that amazes you. He or she is out there and it will lead to an increased enjoyment of our sport.

**Bill Armon, CCI, [bagoodloops@gmail.com](mailto:bagoodloops@gmail.com)**

## 2019 Outings

### September

White & Norfolk Rivers

- Norfolk, AR

Sept. 13-15, 2019

### October

Eleven Point River

Alton, MO

October 11-13, 2019

### November

Bennett Spring

Catch & Release

Sand Springs Resort

Nov. 7-10, 2019

## 2020 Outings

Details to come in future Member Newsletters.



# Twenty-Eighth Annual Catch & Release Outing

It is again time to begin plans and reservations for the OFFwinter C&R festivities at Bennett Springs Nov. 7-8-9, 2019.

This year the no-creel fishing begins at 8 AM Friday, November 8th and continues on Saturday and Sunday until 4 PM each day. Hard to believe this is our 28<sup>th</sup> year! (C&R fishing is open on Mondays also)

We have reserved a block of rooms for the weekend at Sand Spring Resort. The restaurant there is now called the Gravel Bar & Grill and will be open only for lunch and dinner on Friday and breakfast (8:00am), lunch and dinner on Sat. and Sunday. Breakfast locations are now limited in the area. Our Sat. evening dinner will be held at the Bennett Springs Gathering place, just north of the park entrance (Gaston's old store). It has been converted to a banquet hall and worked great for us last year. We have secured a food source and drinks will be BYO, no bar. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be furnished with dinner. We suggest carpooling as much as possible, but there is plenty of parking The road is dark and curvy so a designated driver is suggested, if needed. Attn. Thurs Nighters., if interested, we will meet at the meeting room at Sand Springs just to talk and get a chance to see who's there. NO POT LUCK dinner but will have soda and water.

The spring creek will be open for no-creel fishing, but limited to flies and artificial (no bait). Instead of the daily tag of summer, you need only to get a Trout Permit (\$7.00), good until February 29, 2020, which are good at all four trout parks. You can get one anywhere Missouri licenses are sold. No daily tag is required.

Again, we are offering package plans for accommodations plus tickets to the private Club dinner. Dinner is included in the room price for the number of people listed in the package.

**Types of accommodations and rates will be found in the reservation request on Page 4.**

**The rates have changed this year, so please note the price changes.** The club has been subsidizing this event the past few years, but it has gotten to expensive to do so. We will still furnish soft drinks and water at the evening gatherings in the meeting room.

Remember, this is a club weekend, not just "the guys go fishing" at this one. Last year we had many couples. Plan to bring your special "person" even if he/she doesn't fish. There is fun to be had snooping in the antique shops and mall in Lebanon— and there are several nice lunch spots in town.

To avoid disappointment, mark your calendar for Nov.7 -9 and send in your check (required) now. Note: There are relatively few rooms with one bed. If you wish to fish on Monday also, you will have to make your reservation for Sun, night yourself. I will confirm receipt of your check by phone, post card or E-mail. Call Steve Antonic (314-401-8874) if you don't get confirmation of your check in a reasonable time.

We do understand how plans can change. If you have a problem, a full refund will be made if you cancel by Oct. 30. After that date, refunds will be made only if we can resell your room. Dinner reservations will be accepted until Nov. 1 when we have to guarantee a count to the restaurant.

Rooms will be reserved only as prepaid reservations are received. Please let us know early if you would like two or more rooms together for a group. Reservations will be confirmed early in November, advising you of your room number (phones in rooms). All sleeping rooms have a percolator, coffee cups and a small refrigerator. The housekeeping rooms have full size refrigerators, stove, utensils and plates, plus a dining table with 4 chairs. If you have never made it to C&R opening outing, ask someone who has and see why we have a good time and good fishing. A lot of info is exchanged by seasoned members to anyone who ask. (Sometimes more than you wanted to know or didn't even ask)

Don't feel like filling this out by hand? You can also submit this form electronically on the OFF website.

If you have any questions, please call Steve Antonic at 314-401-8874

**OZARK FLY FISHERS**  
**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CATCH AND RELEASE OUTING**  
**OPENING WEEKEND AT BENNETT SPRING - NOVEMBER 7-9, 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations to be shared with: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:**

THE CLUB IS CHARGED THE SAME AMOUNT WHETHER THERE ARE 1 OR 2 OCCUPANTS IN THE DOUBLE BEDROOMS. IF YOUR PARTNER CANCELS, YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE LISTED FULL PRICE (MINUS THE COST OF ONE DINNER). THE TWO OF YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATING THAT COST.

**PACKAGES:** (All packages include Saturday night dinner.)

Saturday Evening Dinner Only (No Lodging): **\$20.00** (Pets are an additional \$15/night.)

**CANCELLATIONS:**

If you cancel before October 30, you will receive a full refund. After October 30, refunds will only be made if your room is sold.

**SATURDAY EVENING DINNER:**

Bennett Spring Gathering Place – Highway 64, 6:30 PM.

There is plenty of parking. Please be responsible and use a DESIGNATED DRIVER if needed.

Complete this form and mail, make your checks payable to ***Ozark Fly Fishers*** and mail to:

Attn: Steve Antonic – O.F.F.

5612 Greenton Way

St. Louis, MO 63128

Accommodations will be booked only when received with a check for full amount of package selected. I will confirm receipt of your check by email or postcard.

Call Steve Antonic if you do not receive confirmation of your check in a reasonable time.

Phone: 314.401.8874 for special needs or questions.

**BENNETT SPRING ACCOMMODATIONS**

Packages: Saturday, Nov. 9; Friday and Saturday Nov.8-9; Thursday-Saturday Nov. 7-9

| <b>Package</b>                     | <b>Sat., Nov. 9</b> | <b>Fri. and Sat., Nov. 8-9</b> | <b>Thur.-Sat., Nov. 7-9</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Singles: 1 Bed/1 Person            | \$81                | \$142                          | \$203                       |
| Couples 1 Bed/2 People             | \$101               | \$162                          | \$223                       |
| Deluxe Couple: 2 Dbl/2 People      | \$134               | \$228                          | \$322                       |
| House Keeping: 2 Dbl/2 Ppl/Kitchen | \$195               | \$250                          | \$355                       |
| Third Person: 2 Dbl + Twin/ 3 Ppl  | \$159               | \$248                          | \$342                       |
| Triple: 3 Dbl/3 Ppl                | \$165               | \$270                          | \$375                       |

# Fly of the Month – September 2019

## The Squog Nymph

The whole Midwest has been enjoying a banner year for fishing – cooler weather and regular (often times too much) rain making for happy fish. The Driftless Area of the upper Midwest has been especially blessed this year after record flooding last year. Finding myself with a little time to kill during late summer, I made the trip to southwest Wisconsin to check out the fishing. A stop in Driftless Angler fly shop made me realize I had the wrong flies. The Squog among other flies was a very good purchase. It's kind of a Pink Squirrel meets the Brush Hog kind of thing. It worked everywhere I threw it up there, and I will be throwing it locally soon.

### Materials

- Hook: Your favorite barbless jig nymph hook #12 - 16
- Bead: Black or Nickel Black slotted bead
- Thread: Brown 8/0 and Pink 8/0
- Tail: 2 strands Pearl Crystal Flash
- Ribbing: Small Copper Wire
- Body: Fox Squirrel Dubbing mixed with Olive Scud Dub (I think)
- Collar: UV2 Hot Pink dubbing

### Tying Steps

1. Put bead onto hook and secure hook in vise. Start the brown thread behind bead and make a number of wraps to secure bead in place. Advance thread to the hook bend and tie in crystal flash tail. Trim to about the length of the body.
2. Tie in copper wire and make a dubbing loop with the thread. Advance the thread to just behind the bead and tie off. Start the pink thread just behind the bead.
3. Fill the dubbing loop and twist into a scruffy dubbing brush and wrap to just behind the bead. Tie off with pink thread and trim any excess. Rib with the copper wire, tie off, and trim excess.
4. Brush out the dubbing to make it really spikey.
5. Dub a fine collar of the pink UV2 dubbing and whip finish thread.

I fished the larger fly deep as my point fly on a Euro rig, and the smaller size I fished as the dropper under a large attractor or hopper. You could try other colors of hot collar and other colors of dubbing, but I'm not messing with a good thing. I had to guess at the dubbing – He gets those from a fisherman from Chicago and he's not telling what's in there. Please remember... If you are going to tap a local source for information, please make sure to buy something. Local knowledge and local flies are priceless, so make sure the independent guys feel the love.

**Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers**



# 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Operation Clean Stream

Last month, members of the Ozark Fly Fishers teamed up with the Trashmanian Devils (Missouri Stream Team #3797) and other volunteers to participate in the 52nd Annual Operation Clean Stream. The clean-up occurred on the Big River outside of Byrnes Mill City Park in Byrnes Mill, Missouri. Dozens of discarded tires, barrels, scrap metal, trash, an abandoned kayak, and a goose decoy were pulled from the river. The discarded kayak had a temperamental snapping turtle living inside.

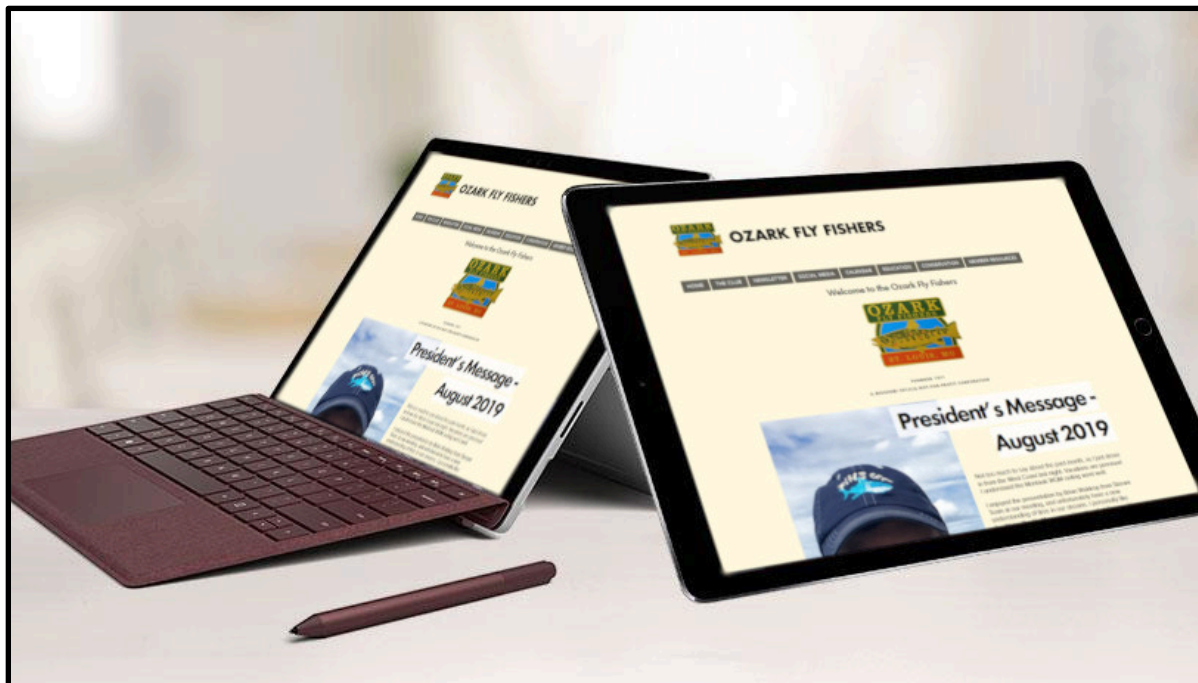


Thanks to everyone who participated and to Scott Darrough for coordinating. If you have questions about Stream Team and the Ozark Fly Fishers other conservation efforts, please reach out to Scott Darrough for more information.



# New Ozark Fly Fishers Website

The Ozark Fly Fishers have updated their club website. The new website (still at <http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org>) provides a streamlined, clear space for new and existing members to learn all about the Club, our events, our goals, and our history.



If you look at the website today and think that something is missing from the old site, it probably is. The webmaster, Jake Voss, is still in the progress of manually moving over all of the useful material from the old site, including past Casting Tips, Flies of the Month, various photos, and old editions of the Newsletter. If there is something specific you're looking for and don't see, just shoot Jake an email at [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com).

In addition, we will be rolling out new features on the website before the end of the year, including online sign-up forms for Club Outings, and even an online registration for new and renewing members. No more having to print out a form and send a check through the mail. It will all be done online. (Though you can still send a check through the mail if that's what you prefer. We're not picky.)

So please, check out the new site. Kick the tires. Click around. Make yourself familiar with the layout. If you have any questions or suggestions, click the **CONTACT OFF** option at the top menu, and submit your question electronically through the site.

Hope you enjoy.

Visit

<http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org>



# Communications

## Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter

Do you enjoy writing as much as fishing? Have you recently read a good fly-fishing book or had a fun trip you wish to recap? The Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter is always looking for new content from our members.

Articles up to 1,000 words can be submitted to: [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com).

In addition to member content, the Member Newsletter acts as members' primary source of information about upcoming events and speakers, future outings, and other important dates and updates from the Board of Directors. It is delivered each month either through email or snail mail. Many members collaborate each month to put the newsletter together, and we hope you enjoy.

## Social Media

A great way to stay up to date (and not have to wait for the monthly newsletter) is to follow Ozark Fly Fishers on our social media channels. In addition to getting updates from the club, it gives you the chance to interact with other members and to share your stories, photos, and videos. Be sure to like and subscribe to the various links below. **WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS.** Sharing your photos and videos is a great way to show off your latest huge catch and to promote the club. Send photos/videos to [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com)

If you have any questions about social media or even want to create your own account to interact with OFF, please reach out to Jake Voss, who is happy to help.

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## Ozark Fly Fishers Website

The Ozark Fly Fishers website will provide you with all the information you'll need about the club, its members, its events, and its sponsors. The website holds an archive of past monthly newsletters, flies of the month, and photos of past OFF Events. The OFF Website also hosts the Club Calendar, which provides the dates and times of all club events, as well as some events hosted by third parties.

Our website can be found at: <http://www.OzarkFlyFishers.org>

or use your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right.



## Groups.IO

Ozark Fly Fishers has now joined Groups IO. To join in the discussion, all you have to do is go to <https://groups.io/> or google search for "Groups IO".

Register on the site by putting in your email and creating a password. (Write it down, save it, and keep it simple. If you lose it or forget it nobody can find it or get it for you.) They will send you an email to your address where you can verify your account. That's all you have to do to become a member of Groups IO. Once you have registered, search for "Ozark Fly Fishers" and ask to join the group. It will send an invitation. It is that easy. We also have a subgroup in the Groups IO of Ozark Fly Fishers for the tiers in the club. Once you're a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers main group you can then join the Fly Tiers of the Long Table sub group. You **have** to be a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers **main** group to join the sub group. It's just a matter of asking to join as you did with the main group. Having problems, contact Mike Swederska at: [Shur-way@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Shur-way@sbcglobal.net)





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## Stream Team 31

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Coordinator / Current River | Scott Darrough |
| <i>Blue Springs Creek</i>   | Glen Bish      |
| <i>Mill Creek</i>           | Bill Leslie    |

## Reminders:

### Monthly Member Meeting

Ozark Fly Fishers meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Greensfelder Recreation Center in Queeny Park, Ballwin, MO (Unless noted differently. See OFF Calendar at [www.ozarkflyfishers.org](http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org))

### Fly Tiers of the Long Table

The Fly Tiers of the Long Table new tying schedule is tying on the second and the fourth Wednesday of the month at the same location, Shur-Way Auto Body in Maplewood, starting at 5:30 pm. Early arriving tiers are welcome. All tiers of all skill are welcome to join in on the fun. There is always more going on at the tying event than just tying. We talk about everything fly fishing. Feel free to join!

### OFF Student Membership

Ozark Fly Fishers is proud to announce our new Student Membership Program. Students will be able to join OFF for a discounted rate of only \$10 per year. Be sure to pass word along to any young anglers you believe would benefit from membership.

# Ozark Fly Fishers Objectives

**Founded 1971**

To promote fly-fishing as the most sportsmanlike and enjoyable way of fishing and the method most consistent with the preservation and wise use of our game fish.

To practice conservation of natural resources and to support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control.

To provide advice, education, and assistance to promote the art of fly fishing. To demonstrate applied techniques in fly-fishing, tying, casting and related subjects

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